

FY.F5404US1C



PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Tatsuya Yoshida et al.
Appl. No. : 09/844,507
Filed : April 27, 2001
For : WATER PRECLUSION
SYSTEM FOR WATERCRAFT
EXHAUST
Examiner : Unknown

RECEIVED

Group Art Unit 3600

FEB 13 2002

I hereby certify that this correspondence and all marked attachments are being deposited with the United States Patent and Trademark Office in accordance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.52(c) and 1.53(c) in an envelope addressed to: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231, on

GROUP 3600

February 4, 2002

(Date)

Michael A. Guiliana, Reg. No. 42,611

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Applicant respectfully requests that the following amendments be entered before examination of the above-identified application.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend paragraph beginning at line 6, page 1 as follows:

--This application is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/422,214, filed October 19, 1999, now U.S. Patent No. 6,261,140, which is based on and claims priority to Japanese Patent Application No. 10-296932 filed October 19, 1998.--

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add new claims 22-47 as follows:

22. A watercraft having a hull defining an engine compartment in which an engine is provided, the engine including at least one exhaust port for discharging exhaust gases from the engine to the atmosphere through an exhaust system, the exhaust system comprising an exhaust passage extending between the exhaust port and an exhaust